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FRANK E. HARRIS SELLS BUSINESS TO MR. MCLELLAN

Barton Merchant Buys a
Long Established Clothing
Store on R. R. Street

Frank E. Harris of Barton has purchased the clothing store of Frank E. Harris at 71 Railroad street in St. Johnsbury and Mr. Harris will interest in the old Johnsbury store, where the store is located. An inventory is now being taken of the store and in a few days Mr. Mclellan will open the place for business.

Mr. Mclellan is a budding young merchant who has been in the clothing business in Orleans county since his early teens and sold out a good business in Barton two years ago to enter the army service. Two years of his clerkship was spent in the Ames W. Scott store in St. Johnsbury and his wife, Martha Mclellan, is an East Barnet lady and a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. Mr. Mclellan will be a splendid addition to the mercantile life of the town and plans to increase the business which Mr. Harris has built up.

Mr. Harris has been in the clothing business 35 years and in 1910 bought the store where he is located of the former proprietor, A. C. Harvey. For 25 years he has conducted a clothing store at the present location and the business has steadily grown by his industry and his success in giving his customers the best in every line at fair prices. Mr. Harris' future plans are not yet announced.

Two Fires Caused By Short Circuits

Chief Marden and both pieces of apparatus from fire headquarters were called to fires last night caused by short circuits of electric wires. The first call was to the village barn at 6:19 p. m. when slight damage was discovered by a fire from the street by a short circuit. While the firemen were there they received a call to the store of Laferriere and Dault where small damage was done. The firemen suffered several electric shocks while fighting the fire as the electric current had spread over all the metal about the store.

Miss Agnes Hansen Dies at Brightlook

Miss Agnes Mary Hansen, 18 years old last January, died Tuesday at the Brightlook hospital. She was a former member of the Junior Class of the St. Johnsbury Academy. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hansen. She was survived by one sister, Margaret, and two brothers, Wallace and Clayton. Plans for the funeral have not been completed.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE AND HOUSING PLANS

The directors of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. will soon meet to consider plans which are being worked out for the establishment in St. Johnsbury of a co-operative store for their employees, and will also take up at the same time a proposition to build about a dozen houses to be sold to their employees on the partial payment plan.

The Colonial Theater at the corner of Main and Church streets is being considered as the location of the proposed store. This building stands on a large lot in the center of the "Plan" and can be secured at a reasonable price. If the plan works out as is contemplated a general store will be established and all kinds of produce sold at a low price.

The housing plan originated with some of the employees and contemplates the erection of about a dozen attractive homes with all the modern improvements. It is expected that the houses will be ready for occupancy in the fall. At least three parcels of land have been examined for possible sites on the new buildings, and the workmen are enthusiastic over the prospect of owning their own homes.

The scale corporation from its establishment nearly 90 years ago has always maintained the most cordial relations with its employees, and though its direction has passed out of the hands of the family who founded it, the present management are desirous of keeping up the most friendly relations and believe that just such cooperative schemes as these are contemplating will accomplish a much more than the reduction of the high cost of living.

DR. POOLE SCORES IMMODESTY IN DRESS AT DANCES

Says Dancing Has Proper
Place If Used with Dis-
cretion and Moderation

That dancing with discrimination and moderation is a part of an orderly and natural Christian life was the conclusion made by Rev. Francis A. Poole in his Sunday morning sermon at the South church on the subject, "Joy and Play, Music and Dancing." He defended his approval of dancing by frequent quotations from the Bible in which he showed that dancing was a perfectly human demonstration of rejoicing and that Jesus himself "danced with rejoicing in the streets of Jerusalem."

Dr. Poole at the same time gave a severe denunciation of the immoderate and immodestly dressed dances. He said the present tendency of women to dress shockingly at dances, dinner parties and other evening parties, was a severe reflection upon the good taste and morals of our day.

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Dr. Poole read all the texts in which dancing is referred to in the Bible and nowhere did he find a reflection upon dancing in itself. It was a pity that all of Northern Vermont could not have been present to hear Dr. Poole's sound and uplifting sermon on this subject which is so much before the public.

In his sermon Dr. Poole said in part: "During the 30 days of Lent there is a seriousness and restraint from amusements and a stronger tendency towards religion than at any other time of the year. At Easter comes a mighty reaction. The rejoicing of Easter is sometimes followed immediately by an Easter ball, even on an Easter Monday—the first day available following Easter Sunday. There

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MAPLE SUGAR MARKET QUOTATION

BOSTON—Receipts moderate. Demand fairly good. Sugar, cakes, 49 cents to 43 cents. A few at 45 cents. Bricks 35 cents to 38 cents. Syrup \$3.00.

NEW YORK—Syrup, demand limited. Old, \$2.50 to \$2.75. A few at \$2.00. No new stock on market. Sugar, demand light. Old, 31 cents to 33 cents. A few at 31 cents to 36 cents. New, no supplies on market. E. S. Brigham, Commissioner of Agriculture

OFFICERS ARE HUNTING FOR PARENTS

Abandoned Child Still at St.
J. Hotel and Officers
Looking for Parents

It developed late Saturday afternoon that the parents of the little boy that was left at the St. Johnsbury House so cruelly Friday were both probationers and that besides deserting their own offspring they had violated their probation regulations. The little fellow gave the clue to the case by saying that his name was "Billy Foss" for Saturday afternoon Sheriff Worthen received word from States Attorney Tracy of Lamoille county that W. H. Wheeler and wife disappeared from Morrisville Thursday afternoon and the team they hired from J. E. Royston's stable had not been returned.

The description of the clothes the two wore was given and this established the fact without doubt that the party was not J. E. Martin and wife of Cambridge, Vt., as they registered at the hotel, but the Wheelers of Morrisville. All efforts of the officers of Lamoille county and Caledonia county to locate the Wheelers have proved futile up to date.

A new development in the case is the finding of the horse and buggy at the Stafford livery stable on Railroad street early Monday morning. The team was left there Thursday afternoon and will be taken to Morrisville Monday afternoon.

W. H. Wheeler has a bad habit of forging checks and has practiced this unlawful act in several states. Before coming to Morrisville he had served two years in the Maine state penitentiary at Thomaston for forgeries committed at South Paris, Me.

He came to Morrisville sometime ago and obtained work with E. G. Foss, the farmer and lumberman, and it was the abandoned child giving his name as Billy Foss that led to the discovery that his real name was Wheeler.

Wheeler was a hard working man, but began to forge checks again in Morrisville where he was tried in the Lamoille county court about a year ago, convicted and sentenced to serve in the state prison at Windsor for not less than five years nor more than ten years. On account of his record as a workman this sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation. Sometime last fall Mrs. Wheeler, who was a probationer at Skowhegan, Me., came up to Morrisville and the family was united.

Deputy Sheriff James Kelley of Morrisville came over to St. Johnsbury Monday afternoon to co-operate with Sheriff Worthen and the St. Johnsbury police in trying to locate the Wheelers. In the meantime the little fellow is having the best of care at the hands of Mrs. Herbert E. Moore at the St. Johnsbury House. The boy has received presents of clothing and toys, and has enjoyed several automobile rides and more than one family is seriously considering adopting the child if the legal matters connected with this step can be adjusted.

Interesting Evening With Medical Missions

The Searchlight Club of the South church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank O. French. Following a discussion of the Inter-Church Congregational world movement, Mrs. Charles G. Briley gave an interesting paper on medical work in India, with especial reference to Dr. Parkers work. This was followed by a sketch entitled, "Hanging a Sign." Miss Mary Root as the young doctor, recently graduated, in a deep study as to where she would best hang her sign, was besought by representatives from China, Japan, Africa, Turkey, India and the Philippines, impersonated by Mrs. William Dinsmore, Mrs. Edgar R. Brown, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Miss Elta Wright, Miss Bertha Stilson and Miss Dorothy H. Brown, respectively, to cast her lot with one of them. The sketch, given under the direction of Mrs. Alice Paine, was most impressive and informing. At the business session \$100 was voted to the Women's Home Missionary Union. Ice cream and cake was served by Mrs. French, and in spite of the inclement weather there was a very large attendance.

YEAR'S WORK AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH

Fourth Quarterly Confer-
ence Shows Activities of
St. Johnsbury Church

At the fourth quarterly conference of Grace Methodist church at St. Johnsbury Monday evening the reports of the year were presented to District Superintendent Sharp and the many activities of the church showed up splendidly.

The report of the trustees valued the church at \$80,000 and the parsonage \$5,000. The sum of \$15,900 has been paid on the church debt during the year, leaving only \$10,000 to be paid, and all of this amount has been pledged.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society reported 51 members, 20 having been added since Oct. 1. The total receipts for the year were \$75.80.

The total receipts for the year, as reported by the church treasurer, were \$4,358.72, and after paying the church and parsonage expenses there was a balance on hand of \$10.62.

The Ladies' Aid society reported collections amounting to \$25.96. The present membership is 134, with 29 new members taken in during the year. This society has paid \$1,000 on the church debt, \$122.77 on parsonage repairs, \$25 on district parsonage repairs, \$25 for the Girls' Community League and one-half the expense towards a gas oven which was \$21.50. This society earned during the year \$1,537.72 and expended \$1,316.36.

The pastor presented an optimistic report, calling attention to the fact that the church debt is well provided for, that splendid results have followed the Rees meetings, and that the latest organization in the church was the Epworth League which has been re-organized with 50 members.

Mr. Martin presented a summary of the work of the church for the past six years. In 1914 the property value of the church and parsonage was \$20,000. While the property today is listed at \$85,000 it would cost at least \$125,000 to replace the church alone. In 1914 the church membership was 450, while today, including probationers, the membership is nearly 60. During the past year 117 have been received from probation and by letter.

Grace Unity Club reported a membership of 160 with 15 new members added during the year. They added \$1,505.48 to their treasury of which \$1,200 was paid over to the building fund and \$267.90 used for other worthy purposes. Their activities included a rummage sale, a lecture, food sales, socials, entertainments and meals served for three days during the Caledonia county fair.

The Sunday school, through its superintendent, F. R. Clifford, reported a total membership of 524, including 76 in the cradle roll and 120 in the home department. Thirty-three joined the church from the Sunday school during the year. The school raised \$281 for current expenses, gave \$75 for missions and \$124 for other benevolences.

ACADEMY NOTES

Chapel exercises on Thursday were enlivened by two selections by the Academy orchestra. Allan Hunter pleased the audience with three vocal selections and Miss Dorinne Drouin sang two solos. Miss Margaret Brooks played a piano solo which was well received.

Principal Joseph A. Davis has been confined to his home with a very hard cold and Miss Mary Root officiated at chapel exercises Thursday in his absence.

Miss Rachel Vaughn, teacher of domestic science, has been absent from school because of a severe attack of tonsillitis. Her place was taken by Mrs. Francis A. Poole on Wednesday and by Mrs. Craig on Thursday.

A rehearsal of the school play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which is to be presented in May, was held in chapel Wednesday afternoon. Act one, scene one, only was rehearsed. Ferdinando Simo has joined the freshman class at the Academy. He is rooming at South Hall. Mr. Simo comes to St. Johnsbury from New York, but is a native of Cuba. He will take the commercial course.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoyt, of Windsor, Conn., left for Windsor Friday morning. Mr. Hoyt is principal of the Windsor high school which will open for the spring term on Monday.

Two games of the interclass series were played in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 3:30 Thursday. The seniors met the Sophomores and the Juniors played the Freshmen.

To Skin Beets.
An easy way to skin a beet without bleeding it and causing it to lose color is to put it in cold water as soon as it is cooked. Then draw the hand gently down the beet and the skin will drop off without trouble.

Commercial Club Hears Strong Defense of High Standing of St. J. Academy

The St. Johnsbury Commercial Club held one of its profitable meetings at Pythian hall Tuesday evening there was an open forum on the educational interest of the town. There was a good attendance of members much interest manifested in matters under discussion.

Perley F. Hazen, a trustee of the St. Johnsbury Academy read a paper in which he made a frank statement of all conditions regarding this school. In part he said:

It has been stated that students of the academy are denied admission to colleges upon certificate and are admitted in most instances only upon conditions. The matter of admission to college upon certificate is in the hands of the New England College Entrance Certificate Board, and the certificate privilege is given or withheld for limited periods, depending upon whether the work of the pupils from any given school has been satisfactory or unsatisfactory in any of the eleven colleges represented on the certificate board. The certificate board has recently voted to extend to the graduates of our academy, for the usual period, the privilege of admission upon certificate to the New England colleges represented on the board, and the colleges in and outside of New England which are not members of the board accept the certificates of our academy where the certificates of any secondary school are accepted.

Furthermore, during the last two years twenty-seven pupils, constituting more than 40 per cent of those graduating from the academy, have entered other schools. This is a record for our academy, and all of our pupils entered such institutions without condition, except two, who did not decide upon taking a college course in time to make the proper preparation. That their instruction in the academy was thorough and adequate has been demonstrated by their college work, one of them having won first prize in a competitive examination in mathematics open to the freshman class numbering about three hundred.

From the foregoing it must clearly appear that any statement implying either directly or indirectly that the present standard of instruction in our academy does not permit the entrance of its graduates to higher educational institutions except upon conditions, is not only without foundation and carelessly made, but is a serious injustice both to our academy and to the pupils who have the capacity and ambition to continue their education in colleges and other advanced schools.

In opening the meeting President Edgar R. Brown gave a brief inaugural, full of helpful suggestions. His address followed:

When President John W. Thomas of Middlebury College was asked some two years ago by a friend who had never been in St. Johnsbury, what he could tell him about the place, he replied: "It is one of the finest towns in Vermont and has one of the best Commercial Clubs in the State." I was impressed at the time by his specific allusion to the Club; evidently there was associated in his mind a most intimate relationship, even as cause and effect, between a fine town and an aggressive Commercial Club.

Gentlemen, we all know it is indeed so.

How much then it behooves us of the present day and generation not only to maintain the splendid traditions of the past that have made the town so well and favorably known but also zealously to strive by every good effort to make this the best town anywhere in which to live and do ones work.

It has seemed to your directors that initial consideration of various important matters requiring attention can well be delegated to representative committees but our wish and expectation that no wise shall lessen the interest and responsibility of each in the work of all. May we not particularly appeal to the splendid number of young men full of vigor, courage and energy already on our roll, and to their fellows, who are to join us, to come out to our meetings, make a study of the problems under consideration and enter into the discussion? It is well known and appreciated that it is a glorious thing to die for ones country, but some of us at least must earnestly and everlastingly undertake to live for it, some of our time at least, citizen is an inseparable part of the life of his community, nor can any rid himself if he would, or responsibility to do his best part.

Let freedom of opinion be exercised and manhood and energy here and expression in discussion and action. Suggestions and constructive criticisms will not only be gladly received but will be of great value.

These new members were George C. Cowling, John C. D. George C. Newell, H. D. J. Sault, Mike Philopoulos, C. W. Hansen.

Supt. Young of the public opened the discussion of the by speaking most informally present and future needs schools. He spoke of the ad of having a school nurse, a trained for school work, the ing results of the army etats many defects they revealed entering the service. Mr. praised the work of the v school and said he would further and establish a j nitional school for those boys fourth to sixth grades includi did not show an aptitude fe

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